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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (INCORRECT REFERENCE)

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SUBJECT: ISLAM REACTION TO US PROPOSAL FOR ELIMINATION OF
POPPY PRODUCTION

REF: STATE 123345

1. AMBASSADOR SULTAN KHAN HAS SPOKEN INFORMALLY WITH
AMBASSADOR HANDLEY AND EMBASSY MINISTER RIZA CALLED ON
HANDLEY THIS WEEK TO FOLLOW UP QAMARUL ISLAM'S REACTIONS
TO USG PROPOSAL. CONVERSATION LOW-KEYED PROTEST OF
PRESSURE FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION IN US NOTE. HANDLEY EX-
PRESSED APPRECIATION OF GOP COOPERATION TO DATE AND
EMPHASIZED DESIRABILITY OF BEGINNING NEGOTIATING PROCESS
AND OF GETTING DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENT BY GOP ON TERMINA-
TION POPPY CULTIVATION AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. HANDLEY
POINTED OUT SUCH ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD HAVE HIGHLY BENEFICIAL
EFFECT ON OUR ABILITY PROTECT PAK IMAGE.

2. IN VIEW OF THESE EXCHANGES, SISCO DOES NOT REPEAT
NOT PLAN TO CALL IN AMBASSADOR FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION
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AT THIS TIME.

3. WE HAVE LITTLE TO ADD ON HARTKE AMENDMENT. AMENDMENT
WAS DEFEATED ON FLOOR OF SENATE. PAPERS INFORMALLY PRE-
PARED IN STATE WERE USEFUL IN SWAYING SOME SENATORS AND

WERE READ INTO CONGRESSIONAL RECORD (POUCHED) BY SENATOR
GOLDWATER. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH COUNTRY DIRECTOR
AND DESK OFFICER, PAK EMBASSY HAD EARLIER EXPRESSED
DISAPPOINTMENT THAT STATE DEPARTMENT HAD NOT GOTTEN
PAKISTAN REMOVED FROM HARTKE LIST BEFORE AMENDMENT
REACHED FLOOR. REITERATION OF THIS COMPLAINT TO
HANDLEY SHOWS GOP SENSITIVITY ON NARCOTICS ISSUE. ROGERS

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